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President Li's Envoy Confident Of Success In His Peace Mission

PEIPING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE NAMED

Shanghai, Jan. 25.—The "outcome of my exchange of views has strengthened President Li Tsung-jen's peace efforts and I have no doubts now that peace will be realised," Mr Kan Chia-hou, President Li's personal envoy told a press conference last night after 48 hours' consultations with Madame Sun Yat-sen and political leaders of various parties.

Mr Kan said the whole nation was unanimous in desiring peace and would get peace.

"The President will be very much encouraged by my report," he told newsmen in his Park Hotel suite. He had been sent to Shanghai to contact all political elements on the express wish of the President.

He had seen Madame Sun Yat-sen, the widow of the "Father of the Republic," who has been indisposed for some time with influenza and high blood pressure. She gave him one hour of her time during which she made known her views for a report to President Li. He had also seen Mr Carson Chang, leader of the Social Democratic Party, and three leaders of the Democratic League, Mr Chang Lan, Mr Lo Lung-chi and Mr Huang Yun-pei as well as General Ho Yin-ching, former Minister of National Defence.

Mr Kan said that while his authority was limited to an exchange of views merely, the Inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chih-chung, and the peace delegation member, Mr Shao Li-tse, were both in Shanghai at present to take the talks a stage further, and arrange for these leaders to visit Nanking in the near future.

He disclosed that President Li has also broadcast an invitation to Marshal Li Chai-sum, head of the Kuomintang dissidents in Hong Kong, to proceed to the capital to discuss the current developments. A similar invitation has been issued to the Democratic League leaders in North China.

NO LONGER BANNED
Asked whether the Democratic League was still banned, Mr Kan replied: "No. The legality of the League was restored by the mere fact that I was sent here specially to contact its leaders."

He said that all properly organized parties were now legal. In reply to another question, Mr Kan expressed the belief that a cease fire would be ordered as soon as the peace talks begin.

He said all the preliminaries to such negotiations had been accom-

plished with agreement on the Communist leader, Mr Mao Tse-tung's, eight-point terms as the basis of the talks and the naming of the peace delegations and the proceedings could begin as soon as the Communists named a place for the meeting.

Mr Kan will return to Nanking today to report to President Li Tsung-jen.—Reuter.

JOINT COMMITTEE

Peiping, Jan. 25.—Informed sources said the three Nationalists on the joint committee to administer Peiping under the terms of the recent peace agreement would consist of (1) General Fu Tse-yi, (2) General Teng Pao-shan, his recently appointed deputy who played a big role in the peace settlement, and (3) General Kuo Tsung-tsen, Chief of Staff to General Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Shansi Province.

The four Communist representatives will be headed by General Yen Chien-ying, head of the Red political organisation for the Peiping area at present, but it is not yet known who the other three will be.

The appointment of Kuo Tsung-

ten as one of the Nationalist members is considered significant. It is believed that it might be the prelude to an attempt to apply the Peiping peace formula to Tai-yuan, Yen Hsi-shan's provincial capital which has been under siege since October 4.

The Reds want the city, with its valuable industrial plants intact and so far have not shelled a single one of them, though all are within gun range.

PLANES OPERATING

A compromise with the Reds is difficult for Yen, who considers himself one of the bitterest foes of Communism in the whole world. Meanwhile, Chinese Air Force planes, now operating for the Reds, continue to fly in and out of Peiping.

Freedom For The Young Marshal

Nanking, Jan. 24.—Acting President Li Tsung-jen today instructed the Executive Yuan to dissolve secret service organizations and cease secret service activities and dissolve all anti-Communist organizations, such as the National Suppression Association, and repeal all decrees which violate the Constitution.

The Acting President flashed personal orders to General Chen Cheng, Taiwan Governor, and Wang Ling-chi, Szechuan Governor, to free Chang Hsi-chang, the "Young Marshal," and Yang Fu-cheng immediately and send them to Nanking by special planes. The "Young Marshal" is being confined in Taiwan and Yang Fu-cheng in Chungking.—United Press.

One arrival yesterday was Liu Chuang-hua, personal secretary to acting President Li Tsung-jen, who sent him as a special representative. Liu told newsmen Li approved the Peiping agreement and thought it will be well to use it as a model in bringing peace to the other areas.

Political quarters who professed to have their ears close to the ground made some interesting predictions, saying that Peiping will be the venue for Nationalist peace talks.

PEIPING AS CAPITAL?

They also expect it to be the venue for a political consultation conference which they think will be convened in the Spring and they are sure Peiping will be proclaimed the capital of China.

The outlying political parties are coming but into the open.

51½ INCH BRAIDS



Barbara Lewis, 11, of Fort Erie, Ontario, believed to have had the longest tresses in Canada; is shown (above), in a Toronto beauty salon, just prior to having her 51½ inch braids cut off. Barbara says she plans to save the braids.—AP Picture.

CANTON SIGHS WITH RELIEF

Not To Become New Seat Of Govt.

Canton, Jan. 25.—Canton's citizens heaved a collective sigh of relief this week with the national government's announcement that the planned move to the south was definitely off.

The Cantonese had never liked the idea of having a government here. During the past six months, whenever rumours were circulating that a move to Kwangtung was imminent, they have always been emphatically against the idea. "This city has remained relatively safe from uprising, and more stable economically than the other China ports, and the local citizens would like it to stay that way."

Though he admitted that a shift of government to Canton would undoubtedly mean increased business for him, one local merchant recently said that it would cause more trouble than it would be worth.

NO PROPER FACILITIES

For Canton does not have the facilities to care for a government and its personnel properly. Public transportation systems are grossly overloaded already and many buses have recently been taken out of their runs because of the increasing price of fuel. The streets are a disorderly welter of automobiles, rickshaws, bicycles and pedestrians.

The telephone service, though it operates well, has just about reached the saturation point, and new calls are almost impossible to get. The local power plants cannot cope with the evening peak load period, and lights are often reduced to candle dimness.

Housing is also a problem. Government representatives have been quietly at work for more than a month, optioning the few available buildings suitable for quarters and office space. One such representative said last week that if the government came to Canton, it would mean a return to conditions much like those which prevailed in wartime Chungking.

Future US Aid To China In Balance

Washington, Jan. 24.—The future of American aid to China will be discussed soon, perhaps this week, by Mr Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, and Mr Dean Acheson, the new Secretary of State.

Announcing this today, Mr Hoffman said the Economic Co-operation Administration will not alter its present \$175 million China programme unless the State Department sets a new policy.

The United States line of action, he added, would depend greatly on the outcome of any peace negotiations between the Chinese Government and the Communists.

The ECA's policy has been to cut off help to any Government which goes Communist; but this gives no clue to the policy if a part Communist, part Nationalist "Coalition" should be established.

The flow of grains, cotton, rice, bread and oil to China has not been curtailed except as the fighting has interfered with shipments. The flow of wheat and flour was stopped when Peiping and Tientsin were cut off and other ports became jammed with cargoes.

Earlier, the ECA's \$70,000,000 programme for rail, harbour, power and other industrial reconstruction was suspended pending a clarification of the military situation.—Reuter.

Secret Workers Lose Jobs

London, Jan. 24.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons today that 11 people had been removed from secret work in Government departments because of their suspected association with Communist or Fascist organisations.

Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, asked for the Prime Minister's reaction to a document issued by the Communist Party "calling for greater Communist activity in factories and industries to sabotage the national recovery."

Mr Attlee replied: "The Government is confident that the good sense of the general body of workers in the trade unions and factories will prevent the success of any efforts to cause disruption."

In reply to another question, the Prime Minister said that the records of 1948 showed that there had been a "most satisfactory" decrease in the number of working days lost through industrial disputes.

The total during 1948 was 1,914,000—the lowest yearly total since 1943—which compared with 2,430,000 in 1947.—Reuter.

Russia Planning A New Propaganda Offensive

London, Jan. 24.—Russia is planning to turn the World Federation of Trade Unions into a massive propaganda weapon among the colonial peoples of Africa, Asia and the West Indies, informed political observers said today.

These observers said that, with the withdrawal of American and British trade unions from the Moscow-dominated group, Russia would now have a free hand in carrying out a pet project for a Congress of Asiatic trade unions, hitherto strongly opposed by Western trade unionists.

However, this is only one facet of a master plan to "revolutionise" millions of people in the British and French colonies. Other aspects of the plan include moving the headquarters of the WFTU Secretariat to Eastern Europe from Paris—probably to Warsaw or Prague.

This would almost certainly lead to the resignation of Louis Salliant, General Secretary of the WFTU and a powerful figure in the French Communist-dominated trade union movement.

Political observers see the first signs of this policy in the lengthy attack on the "ineffectiveness" of the WFTU's Colonial Department car-

Britain To Recognise State Of Israel

FRANCE GIVES THE LEAD

London, Jan. 24.—Israel on Monday won a major victory in her battle for world recognition as a new nation. The logjam of diplomatic opposition began to crumble when France recognised the young Jewish state and the British Cabinet decided to take similar action within the next few days. Australia and New Zealand are expected to go along with Britain.

There were indications in Rome that Italian recognition also was under discussion. Predictions were made that Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg soon would join the recognition move. Those three nations co-ordinate their foreign policies with Britain and France.

Soon the Arab nations may find themselves alone in their opposition to Israel, it was said.

The sudden flood of expected recognitions would remove most obstacles from Israel's application for membership in the United Nations. Britain heretofore has advocated delay in admitting the Jewish state.

French recognition was granted on the eve of Israel's first election. It also came at a time when Israeli-Egyptian armistice negotiations on Rhodes appeared to be tottering on the brink of final failure.

23 RECOGNITIONS

Twentythree nations, including the United States and Russia, now have recognised Israel. The French action was taken in the form of "de facto" recognition—the type extended by the United States just after the British surrendered their mandate and quit Palestine.

It means recognition of Israel as an operating Government, but falls short of "de jure" recognition which acknowledges a government as a legal authority and calls for an exchange of diplomatic representations.

British recognition is expected to be the same type as that extended by the United States and France. It appears likely that the British step may come before the House of Commons begins its debate on Wednesday on Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's Palestine policies.

This would ease Parliamentary pressure on Mr Bevin who has been criticised by members of his own Labour Party as well as by the Conservatives led by Mr Winston Churchill.

The British action also is expected to come on or about the same time as the United States extends recognition to the Arab state of Transjordan, a close ally of Britain.

The United States, Britain and France are known to be exerting heavy pressure on the Arab Government's ringing Israel.

The three big Western powers now are said to feel that the Palestine war is over, that there is nothing further to be gained by either side. They want stability and peace in the Middle East.—Associated Press.

ARMISTICE TALKS

Rhodes, Jan. 24.—Israeli-Egyptian armistice talks were kept alive on Monday night by a decision to postpone discussions until Thursday to give each delegation time to consult with its Government.

Disagreements over the touchy Negev boundary issue brought the conference during the day to the brink of failure. One source said the negotiations had broken down, but the talks later were resumed.

Dr Ralph J. Bunche, acting United Nations mediator, is following a policy of keeping both sides talking. He said: "As long as I can keep them meeting there is still hope."

Dr Bunche will continue informal meetings from now until Thursday, but no major decisions will be taken until word is received from Cairo and Tel-Aviv.

There was speculation that the delegates are going to the two capitals to learn what the American and British attitudes are now that the armistice talks have bogged down.

ADAMANT ATTITUDE

Some quarters expressed the belief that only the United States and Britain have the power to transform the conference here from failure to a success.

Neither the Israelis nor the Egyptians have shown signs of backing down on the Negev issue. The Egyptians insist that the boundaries in that desert area of southern Palestine be set according to positions occupied by both sides before the successful Jewish offensives of October 15 and last month.

While the Jews apparently are willing to give up some territory won in their recent offensive, they flatly refuse to retreat to positions held before October 1.

Because of the deadlock the evacuation of about 3,000 Egyptian troops trapped at Faluja has been postponed. The evacuation had been agreed on earlier.—Associated Press.

IMMIGRANTS RELEASED

Famagusta, Jan. 24.—The 3,000-ton Jewish ship, Galila, entered Famagusta Harbour today and began embarking for Israel 1,000 of the Jewish immigrants still held in camps in Cyprus.

The Jews were released under the British decision to allow interned immigrants of military age to leave for Palestine. The Galila, considered the best of Israel's ships, will ply between Famagusta and Haifa until the last of the 11,000 immigrants still held in the camps are removed.

British military and Jewish representatives and welfare workers of the American Joint Distribution Committee watched the embarkation. It was completed in an orderly way in six hours.

The captain supervising the camp told Reuter that all detainees who escaped from the camps in the last few days have returned and will be sent to Israel.

He added: "They are all excellent military material but we are letting them go since Mr Bevin asked it."—Reuter.

Jap Tories Win Majority

Tokyo, Jan. 24.—The Japanese Premier, Mr Yoshida's, Democratic Liberal Party (Conservative) had tonight won the Japanese general elections to the Lower House with a clear-cut majority, gaining 282 of the 460 seats.

The final results were: Democratic Liberals 282; Democrats 70; Socialists 40; Communists 80; People's Co-operative 13; minor parties and independents 36.

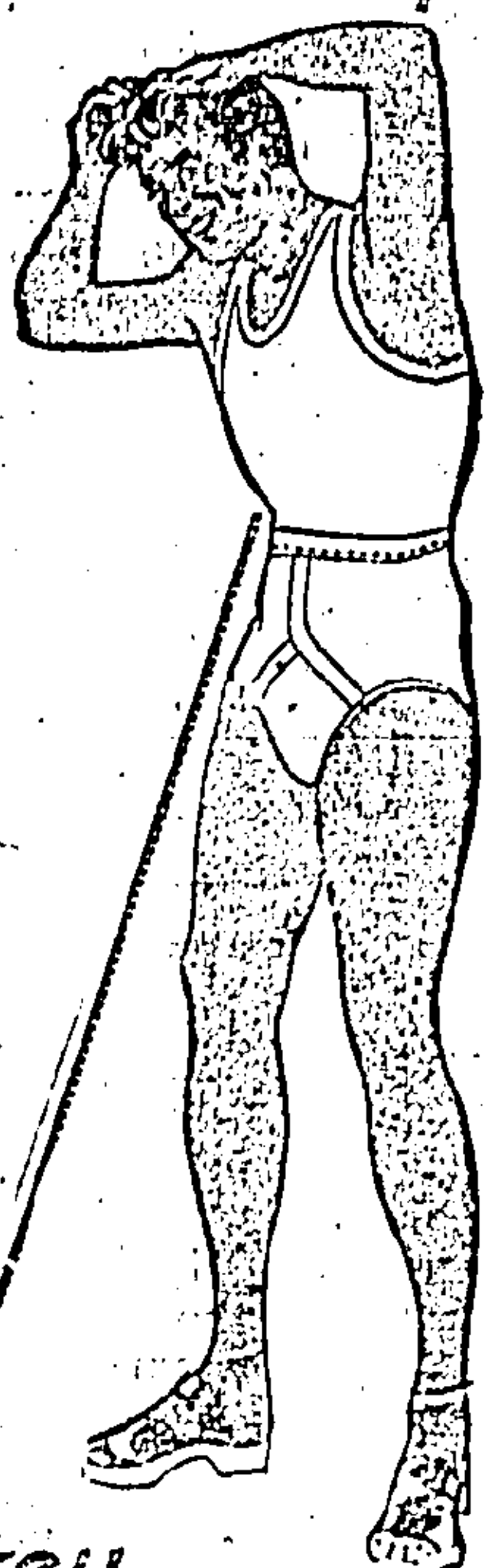
General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, commenting on the results, said: "Peoples of the free world everywhere can take satisfaction in this enthusiastic and orderly Japanese election which at a critical moment in Asiatic history has given so clear and decisive a mandate for the conservative philosophy of the Government."—Reuter.

EDITORIAL A New Opportunity

IT would now appear that the cessation of civil war hostilities in China is but a matter of time—perhaps only days, and the question of the moment is what form the new government will take and what will be its guiding internal and external policies. General Li Tsung-jen's peace delegation is reputed to be seeking peace terms with the Communists favourable enough to win for the KMT moderates and the independent liberals an equal representation with the Reds in a coalition government, and if they can achieve this they will have surpassed general expectations. The Communists are in a position to call the tune inasmuch as they have militarily defeated the Nationalists in all the important centres in North China, and can, if they so wish, envelop Nanking. It can be assumed, therefore, that Mao Tse-tung will demand strong Communist influence in whatever coalition government can be created from the Peiping negotiations which are expected to start very soon. But Mao is not likely to insist on complete Communist domination of the Cabinet—at least not to start with. He has yet to win the confidence of the nation and he probably appreciates that the best and quickest way to do this is to display a willingness to co-operate with the country's moderate and liberal political elements whose declared policies have won for them a degree of popularity. Moreover, Mao will probably need the assistance of experienced politicians and diplomats in running the country and they can be found within the ranks of those who are now leading the campaign for peace. The

Communists have not, as yet, given any real indication of their intended administrative policies, but the impression is growing in Shanghai and elsewhere that they will make no immediate attempt to impose a full-blown Communist programme on the country. Nor is Mao likely to interfere to any great extent with foreign commercial activities in China. If he were wise, of course, he would take steps to attract the co-operative friendship of the Western nations by immediately guaranteeing immunity from victimisation to foreign interests throughout the country, and follow this up by removing some of the ridiculous restrictions imposed by the KMT regime which have throttled trade necessary for China's economic recovery. The Communists, as well as the Liberals and KMT moderates are alive to the urgent necessity of introducing administrative reforms that will enable the country to make a start toward economic and financial recovery, and it is possible for all these elements to put the country first and party interests second in their peace negotiations. There is no obvious reason why they should not be able to form a government that will bring about modest, but fundamental reforms for the benefit of the whole nation. The principal prerequisite for the reconstruction of China is bringing the civil war to an end; the second is the willingness of the Communists to work alongside with those who have shown by their words and deeds that they genuinely desire to bring about better conditions for the people. China's only hope resides in the realisation of these two objectives.

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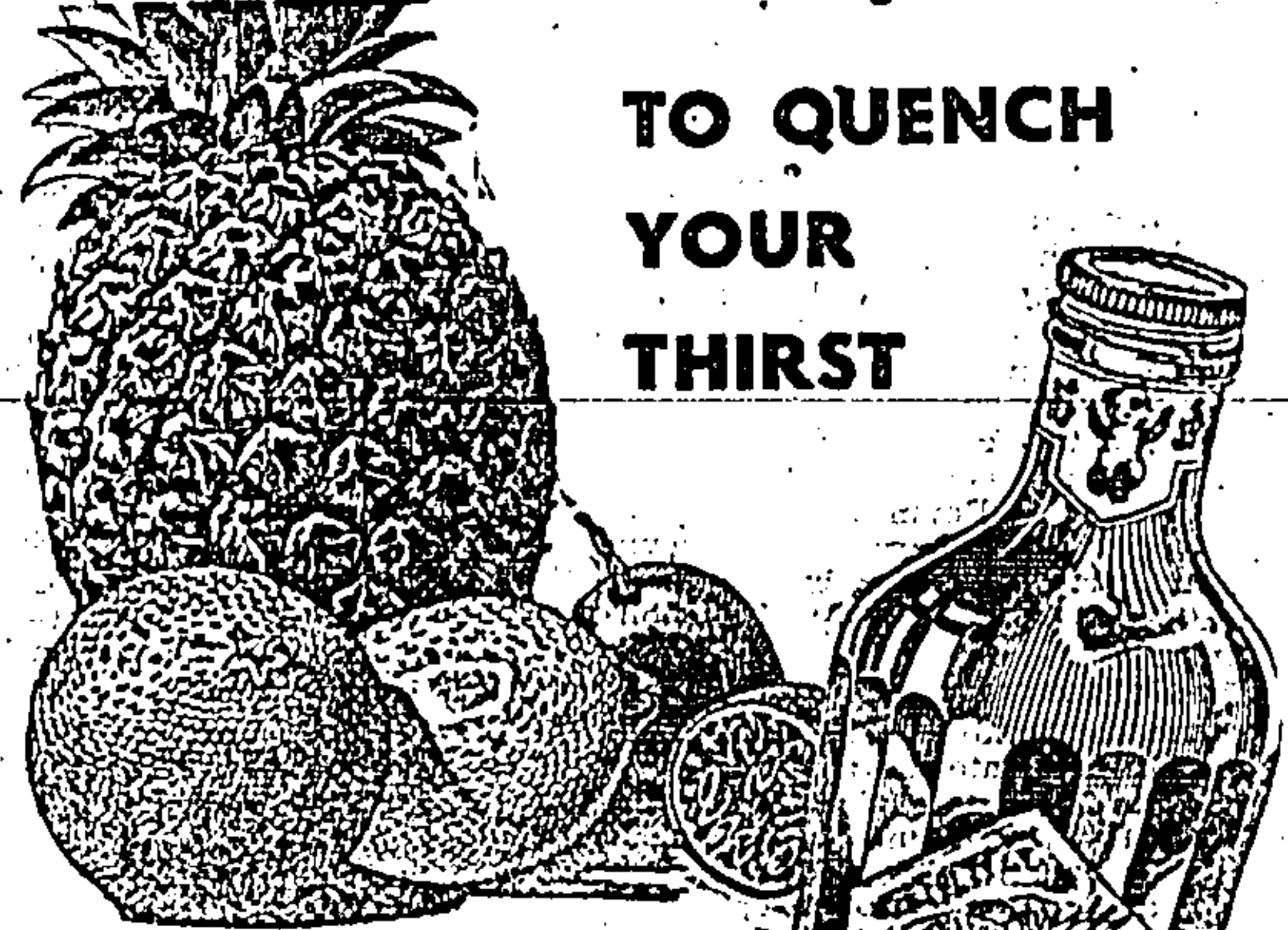
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WOMANSENSE

Some Common Causes Of Indigestion

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

INDIGESTION, which has been
called "the great American
stomach" is one of the most
common disorders of mankind. And
if its sufferers are legion, so are its
symptoms and causes. For this
reason, it is among the most
difficult of the physician's problems.

Indigestion may be due to some
actual disease of the digestive or-
gans or it may result merely from
poor functioning of the stomach and
bowel. Thus, the first question the
doctor treating a patient with in-
digestion must decide is whether a
diseased condition is responsible for
the trouble.

Due To Nerves

Previous studies have shown that
it is never safe to assume that the
symptoms of poor digestion are due
to "nerves." In one study of more

than 2,500 patients, it was found
that half of those with stomach and
bowel disturbances had some actual
organic disease.

Recently this figure has been
strikingly confirmed by Dr. Henry
M. Winans in a study of 1,000 pa-
tients, 200 of whom complained
chiefly of indigestion. Of this num-
ber, more than half had organic
diseases of the stomach and bowel.
Examination revealed them to be
suffering from such things as ulcer,
cancer of the stomach, liver disease,
gallstones, anaemia, bowel in-
flammation and little out-pouchings
of the intestinal wall known as
diverticula.

In view of this great variety of
things which may produce digestive
troubles, it is clear that no case of
indigestion can or should be treated
until thorough study has revealed
its cause.

Recreation Room For The Family

By ELEANOR ROSS

THERE'S nothing like a recreation
room, one that the whole
family can enjoy, to keep the
children at home, instead of wan-
dering to what they think are
greener, less-restricted pastures.
The home should be the place for
wholesome, happy recreation, and
where it is, the family is well knit
and stays happily together.

We know more than one house-
hold where the dining room has
been turned into a recreation room.
A small sacrifice for the constant
joy and pleasure that a recreation
room affords, and the dividends it
pays in happy living.

Simply Furnished

Attractively yet simply furnished,
a recreation room is always ready
for fun and lots of it. If it is well
handled, it can double as an ex-
tra room, with the aid of a com-
fortable modern sofa bed.

Other furnishings should be
equally functional and appropriate.
A good start is a floor covering that
can take lots of punishment and is
easily kept clean. A ping-pong
table is practically an essential. Its
value is more than just for a game
but it makes a wonderful buffet
table as well. Pin-up lamps offer a
good safety measure for they
leave the floor free of cords and
lamps which might cause accidents.

Family Should Help

Since the room is for the enjoy-
ment of all, the whole family should
work together to make the room
just the way they want it. Dad
and the boys might build some
bookcases and storage cabinets to
line the walls, grand for holding
records, magazines and game equip-
ment. Old orange crates or ply-
wood are inexpensive materials.
Paint and decals will finish the job
with colourful appeal. The girls in
the family can whip up draperies,
slip covers and pillow covers of
sturdy, colourful materials.

Plan the furnishings so that there
is plenty of free space in the centre
of the room, which means that
every bit of wall space must be
used to advantage. Colourful ac-
cessories, prints, a big mirror, all will
help to give the room brightness
and charm, so that the room
will be the favourite rallying spot
for the family and their friends. And
don't forget, that even if it does
cost a little money to fix it up,
it will more than pay for itself,
materially speaking, in the wear
and tear that won't be visited on
the living room.

GARDEN PATHS

OLD or new, garden, you may
want to make a path this winter.
Here are a few tips.

First, remove the top layer of fer-
tile soil for use in other parts of the
garden. Then, smooth out bumps
and fill up the dips.

Make the bottom layer of the core-
cast material—broken bricks, thin
beaten flat, coarse breeze and so on.
Roll well.

Put breeze, cinders, boiler ash or
other open gritty material next, and
again roll well during wet weather.
If you plan a gravel surface, get a
slight camber on the path, so that
rain runs away.

★
For a concrete path mix one bag
cement, 2½ cubic feet of sand, and
3½ cubic feet of shingle, running
this over a prepared foundation, so
that the concrete is 2 ins. thick. Wait
until an hour later, and then brush
the concrete surface, so that the
shingle is exposed. This gives the
appearance of a gravel path—
especially if buff-coloured cement is
used.

Associated with concrete, you
can use cobbles (set in concrete),
tiles, or any other material to make
decorative patterns. The centre of
the path should have a smooth sur-
face for comfortable walking.

RICHARD SUDELL

DRESS-SENSE TIPS FOR TEEN-AGERS

ONE thing is certain. Today's
average teen-ager is clothes-
conscious and wants dress-sense
even if she doesn't possess much
at the moment.

The weakest point with most
of them is colours—they mix
them rather wildly.

The point to watch with Joan's
clothes is that they should all
be suitable for office wear—even the
afternoon frock. And that's where
most of you fell down. Floral rayon
may fascinate you, but it doesn't look
so good in the office on a winter's
day.

A GREY SUIT, worsted flannel,
light buttoning can be worn without
a blouse or jumper and thus become
another "dress." Skirt flared to avoid
"seating." (Far too many of you
forget this important point.)

A plain, long-sleeved SWEATER
in lemon-yellow.

A WOOLLEN DAY DRESS in a
firm dull red material; three-quarter
dolman sleeves, fairly full skirt with
unpressed pleats. Simple enough
for the office, and elegant enough for
social occasions.

SHOES in flat-heeled ballet style
in navy leather.

Many of you make the mistake of
choosing a navy serge suit. It will
become shiny at the back in no time.
And you also choose brown shoes,
which are all wrong with navy blue.

Good Colour-Harmony

Eighteen-year-old Jane is good
on colour. She chooses a checked
hyacinth blue and burgundy red suit,
a burgundy jumper, a woollen dress
in harebell blue—simply cut and
full-skirted—so that the suit jacket
can be worn over it.

Fifteen-year-old Jenny shows
originality, too, in her choice of an
afternoon dress—grey crepe with a
square neck, short sleeves and full
skirt. Quite possible to wear in the
office and for dancing, dressed up
with jewellery.

Jenn, aged 17, chooses the best
outfit. She chooses clothes that would
give her two changes for the shop.

A heavy black RAYON DRESS,
long sleeved, unpressed pleats in
front. A fine wool black SKIRT to
be worn with a black highbuttoning
CARDIGAN for work or a primrose
rayon long-sleeved BLOUSE for
leisure.

Over the skirt can be worn an odd
JACKET in emerald green corduroy
with a basque. Cuban-heeled black
shoes, comfortable for standing.

Crisp Black Taffeta



By PRUNELLA WOOD

THIS beautiful picture gown is blue taffeta is used for the soft
made of extravagantly stiff silk flange which circles the bodice,
falls taffeta, in that disarming colour
combination, black with palest blue
The frock has the desirable
moulded bodice cut low and without
insistent shoulder straps, and a full
skirt which manages to preserve a
slim highline and small waist. The
black taffeta

Picking Out a New Hairdo



Make sure your face is the right shape for bangs before you adopt
this style, advises a famous New York hair stylist.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE are certain rules of col-
lour arrangements for which
hair stylists have respect. When
the face is round and full, they
say, it is a beauty misdemeanour
to wear bangs or to pull your
locks down over the forehead.
The straight cross line of bangs
makes the face look shorter and
plumper. Some high school and
college cuties, going in for bangs,
in a big way, should pause and
consider before shearing.

The centre parting is no help
to a countenance of this type, but
the side parting is nearly always
flattering. Slicing the hair
straight back at the sides gives
accent to large features; there
should be soft wave lines in that
area. An uppy roll at one side
of the forehead will give the
portrait pleasing lines.
The girl with small, delicate
features is often inclined to effect
the bouncing, bushy bob, hair
lifted in front, fluttering curls at
the sides, hair flowing over the

shoulders. This forms too large a
frame for Pretty One, makes face
and features appear even smaller.
When the face is long and thin
a softly waved fringe will curtail
its length. The high hairdo is
not becoming.
The mirror should tell a woman
what arrangement is best, but it
won't if she has not the seeing
eye and the receptive mind.
Fantastic arrangements—and we
see them now and then—are fatal
to any woman who hasn't a flare
for dress. They call attention to
any irregularity of feature, just do
not qualify for the Plain Jane type.



Uses of Strained Baby Food

"AMONG all the American in-
ventions in the food field,
there is one that is most impor-
tant," remarked the Chef, "the
baby foods that are strained, or
as we chefs say, puréed. I think that
many of these baby foods are also
excellent for very old people, be-
cause they are easily digested, and
there is enough variety to suit any
taste. The vegetables and fruits are
very good; there are a few desserts,
and now there are also the puréed
meats."

"At a cocktail party given for the
visiting editors at the Food Confer-
ence," said, "these meats were used
in making spreads for canapés and
sandwiches; they were delicious. In
fact, when it comes to foods-in-a-
minute, these baby foods do a job. For
instance, think of a young mother,
who is giving baby his puréed, noon
meal. She needs food, too. If she'll
put a half jar of puréed vegetable of
any kind in a sauce pan, add a dab
of butter, a little salt and pepper,
and three-fourths cup milk, and
heat it up—she'll have a cup of
vegetable broth that's tasty and
nourishing. Add a peanut butter
and whole wheat bread sandwich
and a baked apple, and she has a
perfect lunch."

"And when grandma and grand-
pa cannot chew meat," observed the
Chef, "we can give them a good soup
such as vegetables and barley made
substantial in a minute with the
puréed baby meat. Now about those
canapés at the party, Madame?"

Now Canapés

"There were several kinds. An
excellent spread was made by com-
bining a (3½ oz.) tin of puréed liver,
crumbed crisp bacon, a little onion,
salt and some minced olives with a
little cream cheese. This was spread
on whole wheat crackers."

"I hope the crackers were very
crisp, Madame. You cannot make
good canapés with limp crackers.
If in doubt, they should be heated."

"The curried beef canapés were
interesting, too. For these a (3½ oz.)
tin of puréed beef was combined
with ¼ teaspoon curry powder and
a little minced celery; three table-
spoons mayonnaise were added, and
some fresh black pepper. This was
spread on cheese crackers."

"It is the decoration of the can-
apés that makes them attractive,"
remarked the Chef. "A little chopped
hard-cooked egg, the round dots of
pickled, the sliced olives, the
minced parsley, all help to make
them like little foot miniatures."

Banana Cookery

"Ah, the banana; that has always
been considered a luxury in France."

"At the luncheon given by Chi-
quita Banana at the conference, ba-
nanas were shown in several min-
ute-ways. For instance, they were
cut in half and pan-fried to serve
as a vegetable with meat."

In South America," remarked the
Chef, "a favourite way is to fry
the baby foods that are strained, or
as we chefs say, puréed. I think that
many of these baby foods are also
excellent for very old people, be-
cause they are easily digested, and
there is enough variety to suit any
taste. The vegetables and fruits are
very good; there are a few desserts,
and now there are also the puréed
meats."

"Success depends on being sure that
the banana is ripe and the cereal is
crisp. Sometimes for a nice garnish,
I like to put on the top one or two
prunes, or some gruted red skinned
apple."

"And of course, in any fruit plat-
ter served for lunch, a banana, not
only belongs, but it tastes good, and
adds its own unique sustaining
qualities. It keeps the meal light,
yet at the same time staves off that
hungry feeling that so often soon
follows a fruit meal."

Dinner
Carrot Cream Broth, Crackers
Chopped Meat Ragout
Finky or Ready-Prepared Rice
4-Way Vegetable Salad
Banana Lemon Cup
Coffee or Tea, Milk (Children)
All Measurement Are Level
Recipes Serve Four
Carrot Cream Broth
Measure 2½c. whole milk into a
sauce pan. Add ½ c. hot water and
1 bouillon cube. Stir in 2 (3½ oz.)
jars or tins puréed carrot. Cook,
stirring occasionally until boiling
point is almost reached. Season to
taste with salt and pepper, and
sprinkle over a little more parsley.
If desired, thicken by stirring in 1
tbsp. flour creamed smooth with 1
tbsp. butter or margarine, and
bring to a boil.
Chopped Meat Ragout
Melt 2 tbsp. margarine or savoury
meat fat in a heavy sauce pan. Add
1 lb. chopped beef, or mixed beef
and veal. Slow fry until beginning
to brown. Add 1 fine-chopped peeled
onion and 1 small, peeled, crushed
celery stalk. If desired, then add
1 diced, seeded and cored sweet
green pepper, 1 c. coarse-diced outer
stalks celery, 1 c. diced winter
squash, 1 c. boiling water, 1 bouillon
cube, 1 (No. 2) tin solid pack to-
mato, 1 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper and
minced parsley. Cover and
simmer until thick and rich, about
35 min. To serve, pour over a
mound of finky rice.
4-Way Vegetable Salad
This is a good way to utilize left-
over vegetables. For instance: string
beans, peas, celery and cauliflower.
Arrange the 4 vegetables separate-
ly in nests of lettuce to make four
sections on each plate. Pour over
French dressing.

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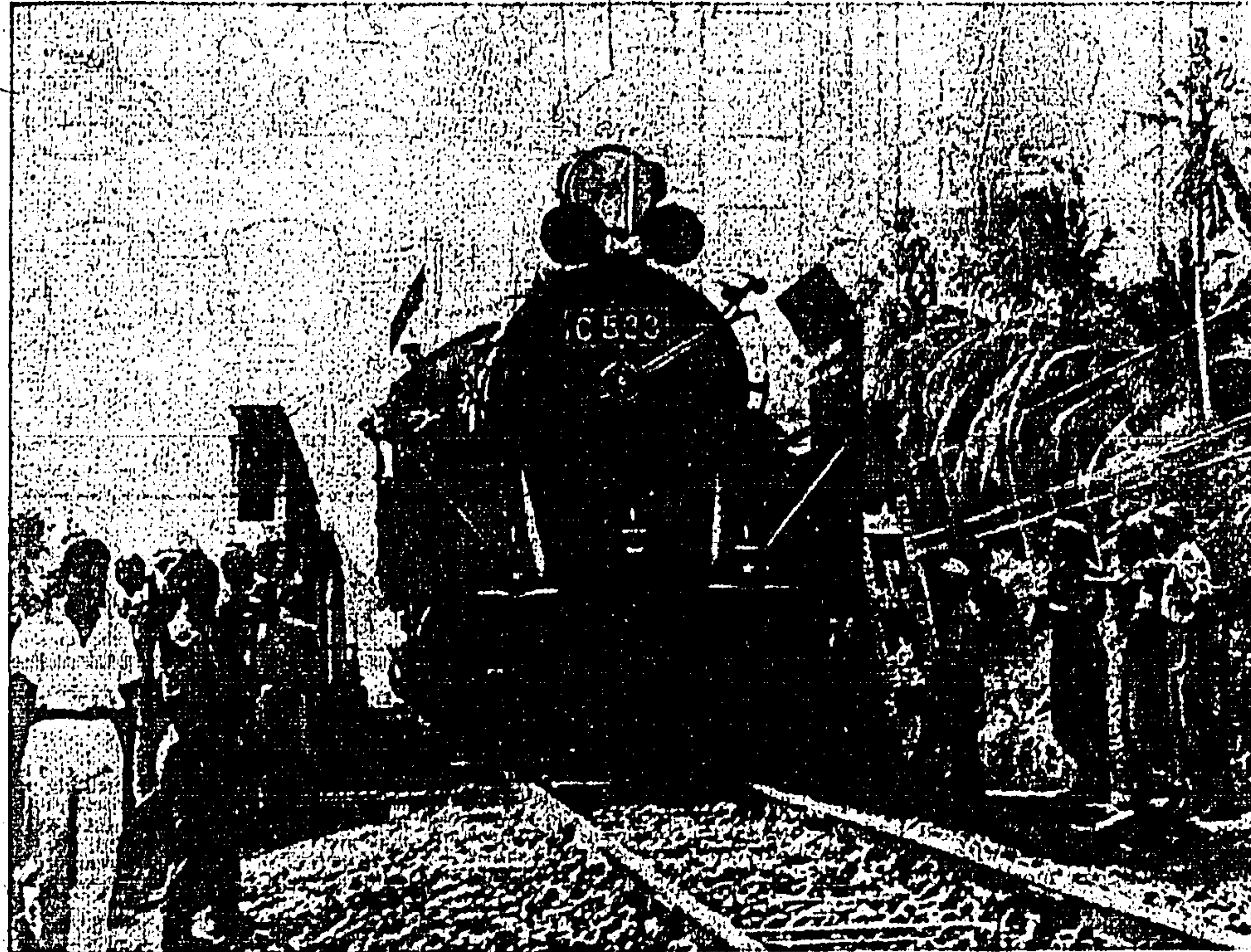
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST—You can start an argument by referring to this lobster as a beast, but there is no doubt that Jeane Biggers is a beauty. It all happened at Miami, of course.



NO PARKING METER, THIS!—Though the new Reno parking meters cost sixpence an hour, Nevada Barlow parks her horse free of charge at one of the horse-racks strategically placed round the town for the benefit of the real westerners.



THE LATEST IN DANCES—Dance instructor Mignon MacLean and socialite Tommy Dowling do the close-and-kick step from the "Muetschi Putz Di." With the emphasis on grace and rhythm, the simple steps are the rage of the New York Social Register.



OFFICIAL LINK—Netherlands troops guard a rail bridge as a train of the United Nations Good Offices Committee crosses the status quo line in Java. Carrying delegates between Batavia and Jogjakarta, capital city of the Indonesian Republic, it was, until the recent outbreaks, the only official link between Dutch-controlled and Republican parts of Indonesia.



OYSTER TIME—This fisherman-farmer from Malpeque Bay, off Prince Edward Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, is screening the large from the small oysters. Expecting a big harvest, the men are now tending their crop of "spat" (oyster larvae).



HELLO AMERICA!—Antoni Bar, left, and Audycha Kristyna are in gay spirits for their first glimpse of America—through a porthole. The Detroit-bound two-year-olds landed in New York from Poland with 547 other DPs.



BEWHISKERED FRIEND—Sandy, well-known waterfront character about Hollywood, gets a bit affectionate with chummy Joan MacLoud. The seal's suit is not for sale but Joan is featuring a clinging outfit which has no vertical seams and hugs her like—a seal's skin.



FEAST OF LIGHTS—A resident of the Home of Old Israel in New York lights the first of eight candles in observance of Chanukah, a Jewish Feast. The feast commemorates a victory of the Maccabees 2100 years ago.



AT THE VATICAN—U. S. Secretary of War, Mr. Kenneth Royall, and his wife, pose with Pope Pius XII after being received in a special audience at Vatican City. Royall recently made an exhaustive study of conditions in Europe.

JOAN BLONDELL,

glamorous star says, "Pink lipstick's the Hollywood craze and 'Pink Queen' is the perfect pink."



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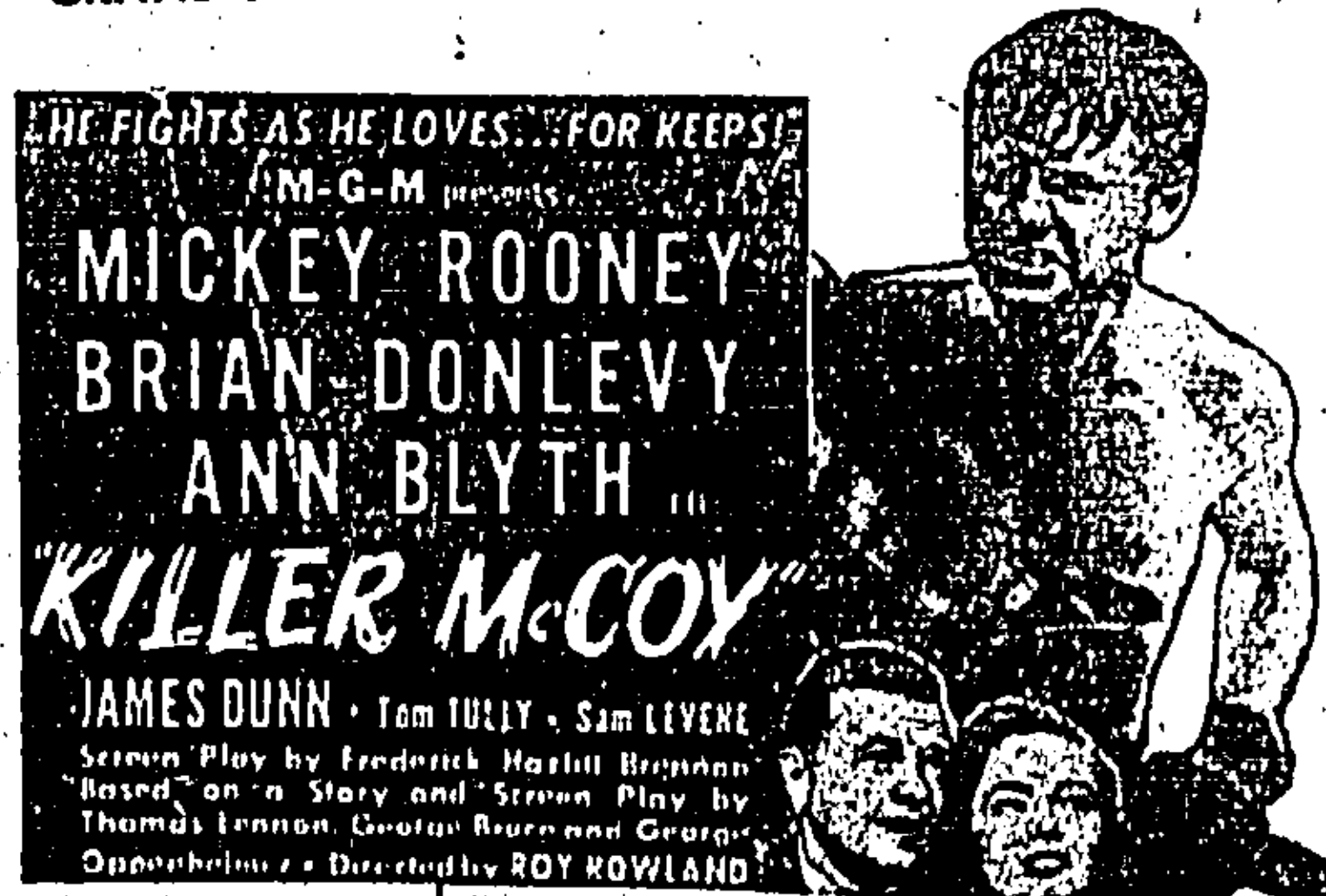
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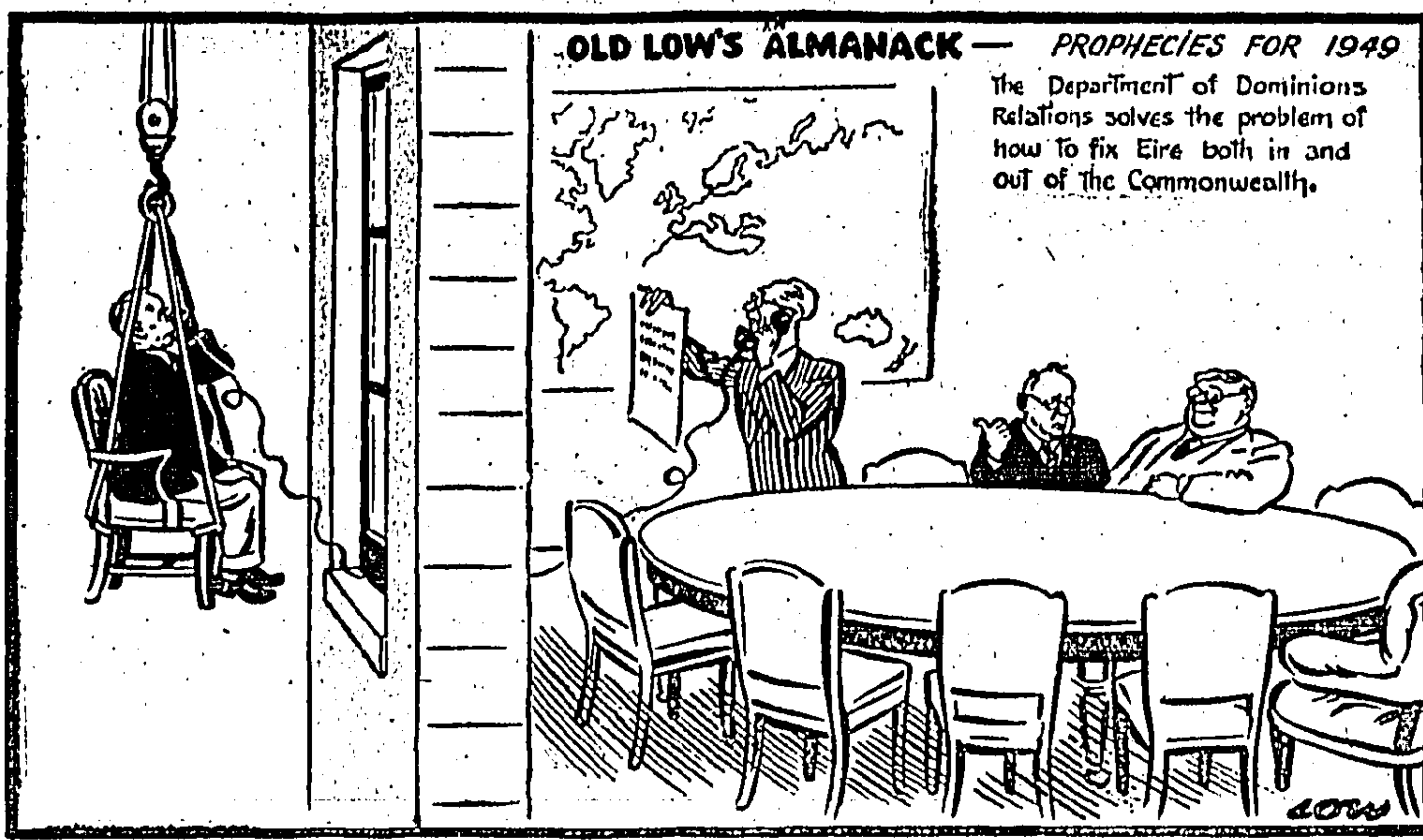
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WITH THE YEAR'S PUBLICITY SCOOP, A 54-YEAR-OLD JOINS 'THE OLD MEN OF SUCCESS'

WHO looks forward with a gleam in the eye to the onslaught of 1949? Why, the old men and the very young—with the in-betweeners mostly covering like dogs expecting a kick.

It seems a time when everyone is too young at 50. The greybeards have never been spryer, surer, more optimistic, richer in that essential for the non-neurotic life—an abounding faith and hope in the future.

If you had to compile a personal Honours List to match this year's official one, you would find it hard to pick half a dozen men in the thirties to challenge the Old Guard.

There is SOMEREST MAUGHAM, for example, bobbing happily from first-night to supper party, vowing he will never write another book and then quietly putting into the bookshops yet another best-seller. His latest comment on his juniors: "They never seem to know what they are saying. They just talk to keep the conversation alive."

Among the philosophers there is BERTRAND RUSSELL, at 76 tumbling out of an aeroplane, and letting fly with comments on the world which the younger public men no longer dare to voice.

Try to find in business a man with the drive of LORD MCGOWAN (74).

And down at Westminster, of course, only one man's name comes to mind to be bracketed with the word "vitality."

Where is there an actress—not a glamour-girl who merely decorates a stage, but an actress who acts—to match EDITH EVANS or SYBIL THORNDIKE (or for that matter an actress who isn't envious of DOROTHY WARD—a Principal Boy at 58)?

And now it is again one of the old hands who has pulled off the publicity scoop of the year. ROGERSON is the name. Sydney Rogerson, Director of Public Relations for Imperial Chemical Industries.

In his 55th year Rogerson apparently has persuaded four-fifths of the national newspapers that his firm had developed a new drug which within a few years would rid Africa of the tsetse menace and almost put the Argentine out of business as a meat producer.

There must be magic in Rogerson's technique. For rarely have so many newspapers accepted so uncritically claims on such a scale from a commercial firm—on such slender evidence, too.

Now, of course, after all the hullabaloo, comes the sober reckoning.

An overnight vision of half a continent raising millions of cattle and all done with a magic formula—begins to recede. The new drug takes its place as an important advance, but one among others in a slow battle where total victory is not yet within our grasp.

Around the I.C.I. laboratories there are some sour faces among the scientists who realize that the worst service you can do to a discovery is to overrate it.

But for Mr. Rogerson, antrypside is indeed the wonder-formula; with it he has shown the young publicists how to do their job.

A toast, then, to the old dogs who refuse to sit by the fire and lazily thump their tails; but instead, go out a-hunting and come back with the bones!

Birthday greetings, too, to E. M. FORSTER, by consent even of most of his fellow writers, our finest novelist. He is 70. Long esteemed by few—the precious few—in 1925 he surprised himself by joining the best-seller brigade with "A Passage to India." But since then—too often silence.

POSTSCRIPT to the above. Even motor-cars seem to snub the years. More and more people who normally are in the luxury class on the road are refusing to pay the grotesque double-purchase-tax on models costing more than £1,000.

QUEEN MARY still uses a Daimler belonging to King George V; and IVOR NOVELO—a Rolls owner—has had the car repainted. The old maroon colour, familiar to thousands of theatre-goers, has been changed to black.

IT was not merely the supply of whisky which ran out on London's New Year's Eve. London's supply of genuine Scots pipers was also inadequate.

Pirbright Barracks in Surrey, the H.Q. of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards—the official source—sent out eight of their thirteen (the others were on leave) to the West End night-spots—and then shut up shop.

AROUND the hotels—GROSVENOR HOUSE did the ushering-in with a clown representing 1948 and a girl dancer as the New Year.

The SAVOY employed both the time-honoured (there were pipers and drummers in all three of their hotel groups)—and the original. Soon after midnight diners in their restaurant and grill room trooped around the corridors to the Fair in the River Room. GERTRUDE LAWRENCE shied the first ball at the cocoons—unsuccessfully. ARTHUR ASKEW asked to be allowed to stand at the half-way line because of his size.

Only the sophisticated Nightingale had to live up to its name and sing in Berkeley-square. Vocalist was HUTCH, who brought along an extra handkerchief to cope with the occasion.

Amid the mad rush, the maddest was made by pantomime dame FRANKLYN BENNETT. He had to change from his Palladium finale multi-tiered crinoline to the less-complicated nightshirt in which he does his "point" number in the EMBASSY floor show.

THERE

was something new at Earl's Court—a Sportsman's Ball. SYDNEY WOODERSON fired a gun and the spotlight picked out MACDONALD BAILEY, running round the hall in the shorts he wore at the Olympic Games. After that the scene changed to a conglomeration of footballers, ice-hockey players—and, curiously, someone giving a demonstration of the breast stroke.

THOUGH

the CHELSEA ARTS BALL Committee is quite fussy about the clothes its guests wear (according to the ticket spurs are definitely not allowed), the Albert Hall gathering tends to get a little out of hand. VALERIE HOBSON, leading the first-line of British film stars on a night out, had some difficulty keeping in place the peach-and-silver sari to her pseudo-indian outfit.

There were, however, one or two noted absentees from the normal West End scene.

Pipe-Major ROE did the honours in the Channel Isles instead of the more expected places.

C.V.R. Thompson Reports
The American Scene

NEW YORK. A MAN who gave America a new trade and the world a new phrase died almost unnoticed in an obscure Florida fishing village.

His name was William McCoy, his age was 71, and his home to the last was the beloved schooner which at one time half the U.S. Navy was trying to capture.

For McCoy was the first American to practise the once profitable American trade of bootlegging. A month or so after Prohibition came in he bought his schooner, with a capacity for 60,000 cases of liquor, and went off to Bahamian waters to pick up his illegal cargo.

Thus he became the founder of what later became famous as "Run Row."

McCoy prided himself on selling nothing but genuine "uncut" Scotch whisky. His boat became famous first in Miami then all over America.

Customers would always ask for "the real McCoy," an apt phrase which has now become a cliché.

But just as he died McCoy's boast that he started that phrase was challenged. A once famous star in the Wild West shows, Colonel Tim McCoy, claimed he was the real McCoy. He said he was killed that way after so many imitators stole his act.

IN FROM ENGLAND are A. E. Walsh, a London Industrial consultant, and G. E. Cleaver, from the Board of Trade, with a whole case of ultra-modern non-utility British furniture. "No orders, please," they ask the American trade. They are just in America to see if better-paid Americans would pay out dollars, and plenty of them, for their goods.

The most-seen-about-town tourist-muster HAROLD DEAN left his red coat at home and went, as a dinner-dancing guest, to The Bull at East Sheen.

AN odd-job waiter who butties at race meetings got a job with the PRINCESS ROYAL's house party at Newmarket this year. Like all the other waiters, he got a Christmas card from her.

His wife opened it, took one look at the signature, and said: "John, you've got some explaining to do. Just who is this Mary?"

OUR

political prophets should take their crystal balls along to the Oxford University Player's production of the 1st Quarto (1603) "Hamlet" in Baker-street's Rudolf Steiner Hall.

Reason: Hamlet is played by Peter Parker, Chairman of the University Labour Club. He stabs Corambolus (Polonius in other versions), who is John May, editor of the magazine, Oxford Tory. The only Liberal in the cast is Derek Holroyde. He is the chief gravedigger.

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Tense Waiting

HE saw the reasoning behind my idea and, foregoing his normal reaction to social events, decided to stage such a party. Colonels and general officers would be excluded, as he had met most of them. Guests would range from Lieutenant-colonel down to warrant officer, the men who'd never had an opportunity to meet their Commanding General, or vice versa.

"That's a very good idea, Kay," he said. "We'll certainly do it—right after the official surrender."

On May 4, Monty met the Germans at Lubeck. Meanwhile, at SHAEF, General Eisenhower learned that Admiral Doenitz apparently intended to make an overall surrender.

All afternoon we waited tensely for Monty's call. Air Chief Marshal Tedder joined the General in his tiny office; Butch, up from Paris, joined me in my office. We waited and waited.

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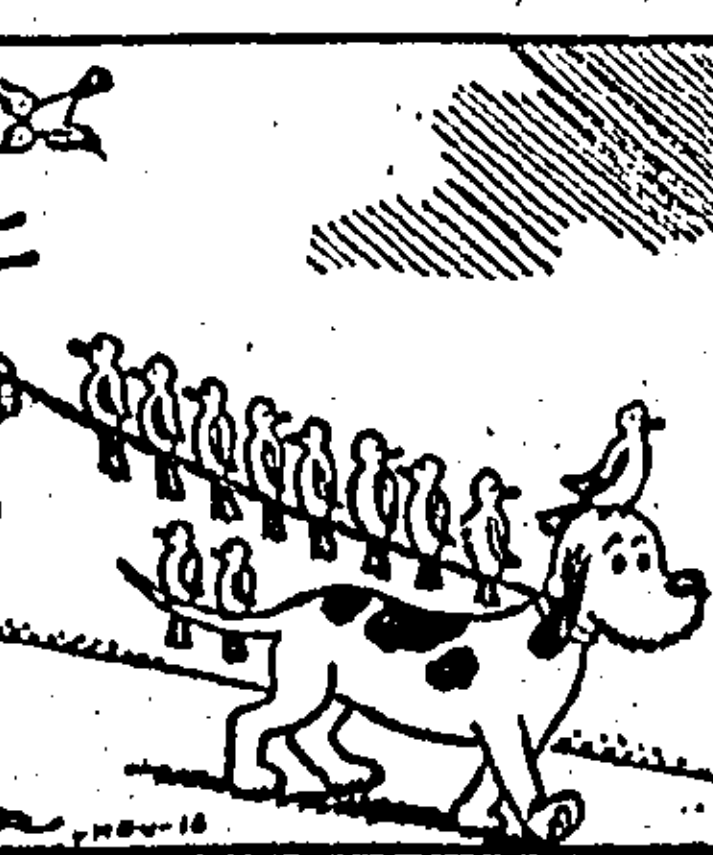
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NANCY Strictly for the Birds



YEOVIL WILL STICK TO WINNING PLAN

By JOHN MACADAM

Now that the captains and the kings have departed from the Cup-tie football fields, the litter swept up and carted to the corporation incinerators, and the last hang-over has been cured in readiness for the next round, it is possible to say what good sportsmen they all are.

When you consider that a good run in the Cup can mean all the difference to a club of a laming deficit or an almost embarrassing credit, these football people take victory and defeat very well indeed.

There in the Bristol City board-room were Bob Hewison, of City, and Billy Birrell, of Chelsea, facing each other like blood-brothers, brandishing glasses under each other's nose, and telling each other that it was in the luck of the game.

And the Bury party were the first to get into the Yeovil board-room and tell the Somerset direc-

tors, who keep on maintaining their plant-killing tradition: "Never mind all the stories of the ground, that is worth a couple of goals to the home team; the home team was the better team, and it won." Yeovil modestly said: "That's right."

FINGERS CROSSED

Alec Stock, Yeovil player-manager and general inspiration to his part-time players, told us that this Bury game was the champagne of a Yeovil football feast.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed for Arsenal," said Alec, "but whoever it is will give them a game. Our training system will be just the same for the next round as it was for the last."

"The players will carry on with their jobs in the ordinary way, training two nights a week until a week before the time. Then they will take a week off their work and devote themselves to full-time training."

Yeovil Town is cock-a-hoop over the win, but it isn't giving itself any airs. As to the Bristol match, why, you could have knocked chairman Joe Mearns, of Chelsea, down with a couple of Cup Final tickets when, 15 minutes from time, his side were still one-nothing down since the 18th minute when Clark plunked one past Pickering.

And never looked like scoring a goal, even if they'd had the Queen Elizabeth in the centre instead of local darling Roy Bentley.

Joe Mearns' heart stopped beating five times in the first half when Chelsea could have been winning five-nothing. And both his and manager Billy Birrell's turned around all through the second half when Chelsea did everything but knock down the stand behind the Bristol goal.

It was 20 to 1 that a local lady by name of Miss Carrington of Justice was going to step in and take over the game, but Bentley, who had been roaming all over the field without any great success, suddenly picked one out of the air with his head 15 minutes from the end, followed less than a minute later by Jones, who capitalised a move by Lewis, and then just over five minutes from time, made the cross that allowed Bentley to delight his old chums by heading the third.

Footnote.—Bury have won the Cup twice and hold two records. In 1903 they went through the competition without conceding a goal, equalling Preston's 1899 feat, and their 0-0 score against Derby in the Final has never been beaten.

Chess Players' Holiday Ends

Tournament time is around the corner for the Colony's chess players with the arrival of the chess clocks ordered from Switzerland by the Kowloon Chess Club in late autumn.

No further time is to be wasted and an Extraordinary Meeting of members of the Chess Club is being called for Thursday, February 3. The last Annual General Meeting decided that the next Club Tournament will await the decision of an Extraordinary General Meeting on a redrafting of walkover rules by a special sub-committee.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

Meanwhile, the next event on the chess calendar will be a Simultaneous Exhibition in which the leading Shanghai player, S. Jirsitsky, has agreed to take on all-comers.

He is willing to take on up to 25 boards with all the Colony Champions, past and present, welcome in the opposition.

A date for this has been tentatively set for Thursday, February 10.

BASKETBALL

Shanghai Team Loses Again

Manila, Jan. 24.—Shanghai's Ta Kung Pao basketball team, which on Sunday suffered their second defeat when Manila Gladiators whipped them 57-40.

The visitors led in the first quarter by 8-0, but the Gladiators led at the end of the second quarter by 12-11.

Ta Kung Pao again seized the lead at the end of the third quarter, 23-21, but the local boys finished in whirlwind fashion.—United Press.

England's Rugby Union Team

London, Jan. 24.—Smashing from a defeat by Wales, England made five changes in its Rugby Union team announced on Monday for the match against Ireland in Dublin on Feb. 12. One place will be filled next weekend.

The team will be:

W. D. Holmes of Cambridge D. W. Swarbrick, L. E. Cannel, C. B. Van Ryneveld of Oxford, R. D. Kennedy of Cambridge School of Mines, N. M. Hall of Muddersfield, G. Rimmer of Waterloo, J. M. Kendall Carpenter of Oxford, A. P. Henderson of Edinburgh, T. W. Price of Cheltenham, G. R. Hosking of Devonport, J. George of Falmouth, Y. G. Roberts of Penryn, D. B. Vaughan of Headingley.

Kennedy and Kendall Carpenter are newcomers while Swarbrick, George and Vaughan are recalled.

Sheffield Shield

Brisbane, Jan. 24.—Queensland, forced to follow on 253 runs behind Victoria on the third day of their Sheffield Shield match here today, had lost two second innings wickets for 154 when stumps were drawn.

Queensland's remaining four first innings wickets fell in an hour for the addition of 62 runs and they were all out for 203 in reply to Victoria's 456.

The Test bowler, Jan Johnson, claimed six wickets for 50.

Opening Queensland's second innings, Brown and Mackay set out stoutly to stage off an outright defeat and added 92 in two and a half hours before Brown fell for 42.

Mackay carried on steadily and was 72 not out at the close.—Reuter.

Tomorrow's Hockey

The Colony Interport hockey team selected to meet Mexico will play against a Combined Services team at Sookunpoo at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow. The team will be represented by: Williams (RN), LAG Doyle (RAF), GMS Webb (Army), PO Stammer (RN), C. D. Dyer (RN), DOB (RN), J. Bell (Army), M. Bokenham (Army), F. S. Connolly (RAF), M. Holmes (Army) and L. M. Macleay (RN). Reserves: Lt. Martin (RN), 24 Brimmer (Army), and Clarke (RN). The Services will play in colour and the Interport side in white.

INTERPORT TRIAL



Louis Wants \$400,000

Chicago, Jan. 24.—The world heavyweight champion Joe Louis, has offered to defend his title at Soldiers' Field here in June for a minimum guarantee of \$400,000, under the sponsorship of the Cook County Central Committee of the Democratic Party, a spokesman for the Committee said today.

The terms, however, are not acceptable to the Committee. Mr. Joseph Plunkett, a member of the Committee, said that Louis was "not tied up with Mike Jacobs anymore—he is a free agent."

Harry Markson, Director, of the 20th Century Sporting Club, of which Mr. Jacobs is President, said in New York: "Our contract with Louis does not run out until October of 1950."

He added that under the terms of the contract, Louis could not fight for any other promoter. In Miami, Truman Gibson, Louis's legal adviser, said that he and Marshall Miles, the champion's manager, had been asked by Mr. Plunkett to give them an offer for a title match.

"We asked a \$400,000 guarantee, 50 percent of the movie and radio rights and an exclusive on television rights," Mr. Gibson said. "We heard they turned us down, but we are offering a counter-proposal."

"Louis is a free agent. He can decide for himself," Mr. Gibson added.—Reuter.

Cantor Beats McGovern

London, Jan. 24.—Solly Cantor of Patterson, New Jersey, won an eight round decision on Monday over Tommy McGovern of England. McGovern weighed 135½ pounds, Cantor 135½.—Associated Press.

ON THE RECORD

Brighter Prospect For Tennis

With the Colony Open Grass Court Championships starting on February 21, it is time to examine the budding talent situation in local tennis.

There are no stars on the horizon, I am told, and the Tsui brothers are still supreme. W. C. Choy is still here and has made an appearance in League Badminton but he is a doubtful starter for the annual tournament.

Of the many new players at the Chinese Recreation Club, where most of our better tennis comes from, not one, I understand, is likely to spring a surprise on us. Of the non-Chinese, H. A. Ayres is the only good newcomer and he is not a singles player.

Prospects for the immediate future are not bright. Prospects for the more distant future are, I was told by Tsui Wan-pul, the Colony Champion, brighter than they have been in years.

The elder Tsui bases his prediction on the standard of the recent Schoolboys' Championship run by the Chinese Recreation Club, which, he said, turned up some very promising material.

Mr. Tsui's opinion on the future of local tennis is supported by about Canavarro, the tennis coach and former Shanghai amateur and professional champion, who agreed that the standard of the schoolboys' tournament was exceptionally high.

He also told me that there were three definite champions in the making among his many charges at the different clubs, one of them a 17-year-old Chinese girl who had the most natural aptitude for the game among anyone he had ever started on the road to tournament tennis.

A surprise to be sprung on the local tennis world in the not too far future, Mr. Canavarro told me, will come from Club de Recoelo and another, very much in the further future, from one of the younger members of the Lilton family.

The most improved player this year at the Chinese Recreation Club, I am told, is Choy Tin-fook.

Last year we saw Kenneth and Tommy Lo in action, a fine doubles

pair, and I hear that there are some younger members of the family who are considered even more promising.

Meanwhile, we now have in our midst the Far East Command Singles Champion, Eng. 11 "Paddy" Doyle of the Royal Air Force, who won the Services title at Singapore last April.

Another Services' tennis player, who is better known as a cricketer, is Aircraftman J. S. Beirne, a semi-finalist in "the tournament won by Doyle at Singapore."

It is probable that the two may pair up for the Colony Doubles.

Both Mr. Tsui and Mr. Canavarro are believers in the idea of starting young. Both believe that promising young players, even if still at school, should enter the Colony Championship for the sake of tournament experience if nothing else.

Tsui Yun-pul, the younger of the two brothers Tsui who dominate our tennis world, played in his first Colony Tournament when he was 15.

Tennis, I am told, is enjoying a popularity such as it has never enjoyed before and the tennis playing population is the largest in the Colony's history.

In fact, at one of the Colony's clubs it is making inroads on other sports to the extent that the "Constitution" had to be redrawn to prevent the grounds being monopolised by the tennis players.

The RAF have taken a very dim view of my statement in these columns that our Arctic weather or the absence of good bowlers caused postponement of their last three League matches.

It was the Navy, they said, that found the afternoon too cold for cricket three weeks ago. The following week the IIRC cancelled their match in favour of a wedding and it was Canavarro who asked for a cancellation last Saturday.

On the question of bowlers, the Airmen told me that they are going to spring a newcomer on us in their next League match.

—RECORDED

Caught by the camera in midfield play in Sunday's Interport Hockey trial match at Sookunpoo are: reading from the left, Bhagat Singh (Khalsa), Ernie Fowler (Civil Service), M. H. Hassan (Khalsa) and D. Brown (Police). Further away is Peter Rull (Cable & Wireless). With his back to the camera is G. Sequerra of Recoelo.—Telegraph Staff Photographer.

FRANK BUTLER'S COLUMN

WHY A CUP TIE TICKET ISN'T EASY TO BUY

Ordinary Mister Public couldn't get an Arsenal-Spurs Cup ticket because 65 percent went to season-ticket holders, 25 percent to Spurs, and 10 percent to the Highbury staff. Meantime, Mr. John Peters had already worked 27 hours overtime disappointing nearly 30,000 fans.

Joe Louis will demand £62,000 from television and radio rights when he defends his title for the last time again in June. He reckons the £25,000 picked up from Walcott fight was pin-money. Some pin....

Woodcock's fight with Johnny Ralph in Johannesburg on January 29 is off because Ralph has broken his little finger—playing cricket. Jack Solomons, Freddie Mills, and Ted Broadbent have also cancelled South African air reservations. Says Bruce: "Call me—unlucky Woodcock from now on. First Oma—a poor affair—then Savold and the disqualification, and to cap it all, a little bit of cricket robs me of the Ralph fight and £12,000...."

Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan, the U.S. dollar-swinging golfers, will approve the prize-money of nearly £30,000 for the crack professional tournaments in Britain this summer.... G. Langley, South Australia's cricket-keeper, dropped a vital catch against Victoria when his trousers split as he was about to dismiss batsman Fothergill. Langley retired to change his pants; and Fothergill went on to score 43....

NO CONTRACT

Tom Whitaker is still hoping to sign Will Manton before the Cup fourth round on January 28.

Frank Armitage, the man who took Will to Oldham, says: "Manton is not tied to any contract. He can sign for Arsenal if he wants to."

Joe Davis, unrivalled snooker king and his wife June, sailed from Liverpool on January 13 for Bermuda, where King Joe hopes to play G. Chénier, the Canadian champion.

Bob Wall, Arsenal's wizard of finance and ticket organiser, is making fine progress from a major operation in a North London hospital. Up the Gunners!

John Lewis, Bolton's M.P., the man who really got the colour bar lifted in British boxing, can't find any colour left in the fight game and will encourage boxing in the factory run by brother Sidney and himself. Brentford are advertising for a manager to succeed Harry Curtis, who retires at the end of the season. Harry took them from the Third to the First Division in three seasons....

Sydney Wooderson, now content to be national cross-country champion, runs for Kent in the inter-county championships over seven miles at Worsley (Lanes) on January 15.... Bicycle Ball, a cross between polo and football, is the latest craze in Czechoslovakia. Players kneel on a light, stuffed ball with their front wheels.... but I'll settle for blow football....

Kay Stammers is doing her stuff by the boys and girls of tennis, training her squad on a covered court at Malda Vale daily.... Dick Turpin will go to Trieste in February for his return European title fight with Tiberio Mitri....

Turin Soccer club Juventus, who bought Johnny Jordan from the Spurs, claim to have broken an all-time Italian transfer fee record by paying £1,000, plus a motor-car, for Ploeder....

Marcel Cerdan, world middleweight champion, has left Casablanca for Paris to finish his film, "The Man With the Hands of Clay." We've heard of fighters with feet of clay, but most of these do their acting inside the ring....

FAILED HIS DAD

Tommy Lawton has made good progress following the head injury he received when his car skidded by the snow at Macclesfield, John Harris, Chelsea's captain, says, the worst moment he had was missing a penalty for Swansea Town before the war. Why? Swansea needed the points, and his dad, Nell Harris, was manager of the Welsh club.

BRIGHTENING UP CRICKET

Walter Robins Wants A Narrower Bat

The worldwide spate of high scoring, with the great supremacy of the batsman over the bowler in the highest class of cricket, has led to new suggestions for narrowing this difference and brightening cricket generally.

Walter Robins, former Middlesex captain and one of the leading advocates of brighter cricket, has put forward a suggestion for a narrower bat—three and a quarter inches against the present four and a quarter inches.

Various changes have been made in cricket, such as the width of the wicket, the size of the ball, the leg-before-wicket rule and so on, but the bat has not varied in size since 1874.

Robins, in making this novel suggestion, declared: "Year after year, batting averages grow bigger and there seems no limit unless something is done. The narrow bat would prevent centuries being made by indifferent batsmen, would give the bowler a chance, and would lead to more completed games."

Naturally, this suggestion, coming from such an important cricket personality as Robins, has received careful consideration in the British press but, on balance, there does not seem to be any decided move in favour of it.

BATSMEN AGAINST IT

Batsmen naturally are against it and bowlers generally for it, but there are sundry qualifications to its support. There are, of course, the usual staunch conservatives who would be against any change in the game, whatever it was, who say that the game of cricket is all right as it is and are opposed to tinkering with its laws.

But even those who are ready for changes do not appear to be too sure that this is the true remedy. Here are some of the observations made:

It would end County and club games too quickly. It would prove discouraging to the club batsman who find it hard enough to score 50 with the bat as it is.

The best batsmen would still be able to hit the ball with the centre of the bat. It would not curb stonewalling.

It would make sixes difficult to hit. It would tend to make all scoring strokes in front of the wicket. It would spoil the fluency of the best batsmen's strokes.

Of course, its success or failure can only be discovered by trial and error and not until someone has tried it out in first class and club cricket could any definite views be put forward.

Of course, Robins' suggestions had led to many others, as always happens when any revolutionary idea is put forward. One is to leave the bat alone but increase the width and, possibly, the height of the stumps which would give the bowler a more sporting chance of hitting them low.

Another is to change the scoring in County games and put the premium on victory with nothing for a first innings win.

OTHER PROPOSALS

Other proposals for improving the game are a ball with an extra seam and a plastic ball. These are being given a chance to prove their worth. The new ball, to be tried out by every first class County in their first two matches of the season in June, will have a nine-score thread instead of the normal eight.

This is expected to give the bowlers more assistance, particularly to exponents of swing bowling. Another former Middlesex captain, "Gubby" Allen, who also captained England, is responsible for the experiment. He got the idea when he picked up a 1936 ball, which he had never used. It feels bigger, gives the bowlers something to get their fingers on and the bigger grip helps the ball to swing more.

The latest plastic ball, which comes within the regulation weight and has the appearance of a new leather ball, complete with stitches, has been tried out by Alf Sover, the former Surrey and England fast bowler, who now concentrates on coaching.

The ball swings about even more than the ordinary type of ball when new but the seam does not last so long.

Finally, the Cricket News of 1933 Week includes a report from South Africa that the MCC players are, after all, to receive some kind of bonus for the huge crowds they are attracting in the Union.

Allen thinks the time has come when amateur cricket here in England will have to be paid on a broken time principle. He believes it is better to pay cricketers for loss of time in business rather than lose them altogether which, as things are at present, looks a distinct possibility as fewer and fewer amateurs can now give their undivided attention to the game.—Reuter.

Transvaal Draws With MCC

Johannesburg, Jan. 24.—The return match between the MCC and Transvaal ended in a draw today after the latter had gained a lead on the first innings.

Helped by some enterprising tail-end batting, Transvaal scored 254 in reply to the MCC first innings of 244 for nine declared. In the 45 minutes remaining for play, the tourists made 40 runs for no wicket in their second innings.

Transvaal's batting collapsed during the afternoon when Bedger and Tremlett, with the new ball, took four wickets for two runs and Young and Wright later got three more in the space of three runs.

Earlier, Bruce Mitchell had made 60, including five fours, in three and a half hours.

Some free hitting by the last wicket pair, Heany and Mello, put on 72 runs in 56 minutes and gave Transvaal a first innings lead.—Reuter.

Cricket Averages For All Matches

The following are the averages for all matches, League and friendly, in local cricket of First Division standard so far this season:

BATTING:

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
G. N. Gosano (Recoelo)	16	5	650	110	40.16
L. F. Stoker (Scorpions)	16	5	524	100	32.75
J. M. Gosano (University)	15	3	440	122*	37.41
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	18	6	434	82	30.16
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recoelo)	14	5	311	70	24.65
G. A. Souza (Craigengower)	13	4	300	61*	33.33
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	18	3	408	102*	31.20
A/C D. S. Belrne (RAF)	15	2	371	71	28.53
M. A. R. Dawe (Army)	20	0	476	84	23.75
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	12	2	236	53	23.00
G. Hong Choy (Craigengower)	13	0	297	59	22.84
W/Cdr A. D. Pantan (RAF)	16	2	275	60*	16.04
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	16	2	269	87*	16.21
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	16	3	245	30*	18.84
N. Hart-Baker (KCC)	13	0	243	62	18.69
M. M. Little (Optimists)	12	1	203	56*	18.45
Major A. R. Dawe (Army)	14	1	233	78	17.22
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	18	1	303	40	17.62
Major C. R. Murray Brown (Army)	17	2	265	52*	17.50
A. Zimmer (KCC)	17	0	200	45	17.41
E. C. Fincher (KCC)	16	1	248	63	16.33
Gnr D. Banton (Army)	13	3	213	44	16.38
F/O M. D. Marshall (RAF)	16	0	206	39	12.75
Prof. L. T. Ride (University)	17	1	210	39	12.30
T. Lo (University)	16	0	207	52	12.94

*Not Out. Qualification: 200 runs.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	50	5	220	29	7.58
Gnr D. Banton (Army)	103.1	46	470	67	8.24
Lt A. Stoker (Army)	102.2	43	421	53	8.40
A/C D. S. Belrne (RAF)	105	28	328	37	8.86
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	215.5	59	870	64	10.00
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recoelo)	156.2	53	330	33	10.00
A. P. Pereira (Recoelo)	163.1	39	407	40	10.15
J. C. Koh (University)	108.5	11	366	37	10.70
CPO L. White (Royal Navy)	144.4	38	322	30	10.73
F/O E. N. Gambrell (RAF)	234.3	52	690	60	11.50
D. McLean (Optimists)	184.1	38	570	37	11.59
L/Cpl J. Jones (Army)	81	14	250	22	11.37
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	99.5	10	315	25	12.60
T. H. Lean (University)	145.1	31	482	37	13.02
F. J. Billmoria (KCC)	181	27	552	37	14.91
P. R. Zimmer (KCC)	133	31	426	29	15.21
P. Mahon (Optimists)	174.5	20	556	35	15.94
B. E. Lee (KCC)	140	20	401	24	16.70
S. M. Teh (University)	140	24	504	28	

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Business was done in the local official exchange market this morning at the following rates:	
Sterling (per £1)	15.70
Gold franc (per 100)	312.75
Gold mark (per 100)	312.75
Gold rouble (per 100)	8.50
Gold yuan (per 100)	20.00
NEI guilders (per 100)	312.75
Gold yuan (per yuan)	0.28

ASIA'S ROLE IN THE FUTURE

No Longer Secondary Says Nehru

MUST NOT BE TREATED AS A POOR RELATION

New Delhi, Jan. 24.—The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, today warned the Western world that it must stop treating Asia like a poor relation.

In an exclusive interview with the United Press, the Indian leader, who was a disciple of the late Mahatma Gandhi, expressed the belief that the Asiatic nations should, if necessary, apply economic sanctions to force Dutch withdrawal from Indonesia if the Security Council failed to act.

He suggested that in Southeast Asia Communism had lost ground during the last six months because of its headlong clash with nationalist movements.

He predicted that the Communist victory in China, however, would become a very heavy factor in future Asiatic problems.

He warned that Asiatic nations would be playing a far bigger and more important role in all international affairs henceforth.

Mr. Nehru said a resurgent new Asia, as shown by the recent conference here on Indonesia, should be noticed to the United Nations that the Far East no longer intended to be satisfied with a minor or secondary role in world affairs.

He discounted some extremist fears about Communism in Southeast Asia without overlooking the problem. He said the Communist movement generally had lost ground in Southeast Asia because it was unable to exploit existing economic ills there.

Mr. Nehru showed the strain under which he laboured during the opening months of Indian independence. He looked 15 years older than he did when interviewed by this correspondent on his release from prison three years ago. He admitted fatigue. He spoke in a low voice.

Export Of War Planes

MAN ADMITS GUILT

Miami, Florida, Jan. 24.—Charles T. Winters, 35, has pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring to export war planes to Palestine.

Winters, of Miami and Puerto Rico, was one of nine men indicted on the charge. Before Federal Judge Alfred E. Hotel, he withdrew a previous plea of not guilty. Assistant District Attorney Fred Bolls told the court that three men were in custody, three others were in Tel-Aviv, Palestine, and three had not been apprehended.

Judge Barksdale ordered Winters to be brought before the court on February 4 for sentence. His \$10,000 bond was continued.

EXPORTED FLYING FORTS

The other two men in custody will enter pleas in other Federal districts. One, Abraham Levin of North Hollywood, California, will plead guilty there, and Irvin Schindler of Miami Beach is to be arraigned on Tuesday in New York, said Bolls.

The group is charged with exporting three B-17 Flying Fortresses to Zatec, Czechoslovakia for use against the Arabs. They are also charged with supporting constabulary from Newark, New Jersey to Zatec.

The others are Adolph W. Schwimer of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Leon Gardner of North Hollywood, William Sosnow of New York City, Michael Kane of California, Leonard Burns of San Francisco and Ervin L. Johnson, believed to be a non-existent person.—Associated Press.



"If it's soup - it needs a little salt. But if it's cake - frosting - needs vanilla."

Esther's Knitting Now



Esther Williams, the screen's swimming actress shown in her Hollywood home when she announced that she and her husband, Ben Gage, are expecting a baby next August. She is knitting little garments these days, but instead of booties and sweaters, she says she's knitting baby bathing suits.—AP Picture.

Scandinavian Defence Discussions

UNION ENVISAGED

Copenhagen, Jan. 24.—The meeting of the Scandinavian Prime Ministers, Foreign and Defence Ministers announced tonight that "the three Scandinavian nations have made a firm decision to defend their freedom, their independence and their democracy against aggression with all means available."

With this purpose they have already made important sacrifices and will continue to do so, the statement added.

"Under certain circumstances it may be possible to reach a mutual, binding but free Scandinavian defence union as a regional security agreement within the framework of the United Nations."

"This agreement could include mutual co-ordination of defence plans and military forces and the production of military material in the three countries, and to build a military solidarity in Scandinavia."

"It must be made clear that countries participating in the Scandinavian defence union will be able to procure materials necessary for the building and maintenance of their defence."

The discussions had made it clear that there was "a difference of interpretation" about the terms for and the consequences of such an alliance.

"This question will be the subject of further discussions between the three countries," it was stated. The delegations of these countries met in Oslo on January 20 with the same participants as in Copenhagen. The Scandinavian countries' Ambassadors in London, Moscow, Paris and Washington will be present.

EXPLOSION IN WAREHOUSE

Bombay, Jan. 24.—One person was killed and 15 were critically injured on Monday afternoon in an ammunition explosion in a goods warehouse on Bombay docks.

POCKET CARTOON



Accountant Acted As Police Agent

Helped Trap Alleged Arms Smuggler

Tanjongpinang, Jan. 25.—A Singapore banking accountant testified at the trial of Carlton A. Hire at Tanjongpinang on an arms smuggling charge that he acted as a police agent and helped trap the British defendant.

Caesar Houghton said he worked with the Singapore police chief, Mr. E. Fowler and Legislator P. De Souza, a Singapore lawyer, to pose as an agent for the purchase of \$500,000.

He testified that Hire had stated that arms and ammunition seized from three American airmen on Alrabu Island by British police on Sept. 14 last, were "replacements for old weapons for the Philippines Government. The old weapons were supposed to be taken outside Manila Harbour limits and dumped into the sea but instead, an arms running organisation took the new weapons on its own vessel."

ARMS SALE OFFER

Hire, aged 35 of Cardiff, Wales, is accused of running arms into Indonesia and inducing three Americans illegally to import arms.

Houghton testified that the first offer to sell arms came from a Singapore man named Albert Low who then brought to Houghton's office a Briton named T. S. Clarke, who described himself as part shipowner and a food supplier general broker.

He said Clarke called himself a member of an organisation with arms and ammunition for sale. Houghton said he notified Mr. Fowler and De Souza and a police trap was laid.

EAST JAVA IS STILL THE TROUBLE SPOT

Batavia, Jan. 24.—The Dutch on Monday claimed they were making headway in the mopping up of scattered Republican army units in Java and Sumatra. East Java still is a trouble spot, they said.

In their first summary of the military situation since the January 5 cease-fire order, the Dutch said mopping up operations had put an end to the Republican army as "a centrally conducted fighting apparatus." The communique, however, reported much underground fighting, sabotage and sniping by scattered Indonesian groups.

It summarised the situation thus: In East Java's mountains "unrest has increased in several districts." Republicans, remnants scattered in the backwoods country, were conducting forays on road traffic and raiding estates. Units are concentrating on sabotage, laying of mines and firing on cars.

It is taking longer to restore order in East Java, because the Republicans had time to blow up bridges and other installations before the Dutch advanced into the area.

Dutch forces are "patrolling intensively" around Madiun, Kediri, Blitar and Djombang. The Republicans are disorganised, with no central command.

Snipers are still plaguing travellers around Soerakarta, second ranking Republican city.

In West Java remnants are sniping on road traffic and engaging in sabotage. Republican units still are roaming north Sumatra, but apparently causing little trouble.

Heavy rains are reported hampering the Dutch mopping up operations, but many Republicans around Djambi have given themselves up.

Unconfirmed reports said guerrillas around Benkoelen in South Sumatra and Madiun in central Java have so completely cut communication lines that the Dutch have had to resort to air transport to supply isolated forces.

Watching developments. Meanwhile, all Indonesia watched political developments at Lake Success, the Hague, and in New Delhi, where the Asian conference has been taking place.

Two representatives from the Federal Indonesian States and members from the Republican delegation conferred over the weekend at Prapat with Indonesian President Soekarno and with Premier Mohamed Hatta at Bangka Island.

A delegation from the Dutch sponsored states sought to set up a policy for meeting with Republicans on the future national Government.

A reliable source said the conference had brought back a conditional acceptance of the get together proposal.

A meeting of the non-Republican groups has been called for Monday in Batavia to consider the terms growing out of the Hatta-Soekarno meeting.—Associated Press.

AMBASSADOR RECALLED

London, Jan. 24.—The Soviet Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Georgi N. Zarubin, has been recalled to Moscow for high level talks, an official Russian Embassy source said on Monday.

The source declined to say what Zarubin would discuss. Diplomats in a position to know, however, said he would talk principally about the Big Four Austrian peace treaty conference due to begin here on or about February 7.

These informants said he would also discuss Anglo-Soviet trade. Zarubin was due to leave by plane on Monday. He will, presumably, represent Russia at the Austrian conference.

The Ambassador has a leading role in negotiations for a big scale long term Anglo-Soviet trade agreement. He is due back in London during the first week in February.—Associated Press.

Machinery By Air For Berlin

Berlin, Jan. 24.—Some 5,000 tons of machinery, including the heaviest items ever transported by air, will begin arriving in blockaded Berlin in the next few days, it was learned officially today.

The machinery—pumps, turbines and electric generators to re-equip Berlin's biggest electric power station, in the British sector of the city, which was stripped by the Russians in June 1945—will be given airlift priority.

"We estimate it will take 14 months to transport all the equipment, which is being manufactured in the British 'Zone,'" a British official spokesman said.—Reuter.

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